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General MONCKS

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In a Letter from New-Castle November twenty nine, 1659.  
To a Worthy Person in London.

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**Y**Our last I received with safety, and according to your desire have sent you a true Account of the most material intelligence touching the present transactions in these Northern parts, viz. The General Assembly do still continue, and have three considerable Castles granted them by General *Monck*, to be at their disposing as an assurance of his fidelity toward them. And for ought I can perceive, there is very little or no hopes of Agreement, because General *Monck* hath set down his Resolution to make good his former Declaration with the losse of his Blood; for he will not agree to any thing against what is therein expressed. And as we hear General *Monck* is much offended at the Lord *Lambert*, who hath intercepted his Letters to General *Fleetwood* and opened them, and Letters to his own Commissioners.

Yesterday came an express from him, and the Messenger accidentally having got a fall, could go no further then this place, That the Lord *Lambert* opened the Letters, and sent them by a Messenger of his own to the City of London. General *Monck* writes to General *Fleetwood*, that he perceived his Commissioners had agreed to some things contrary to his Order and Declaration, the which Agreement he would not own; and he therein desired that 5 Commissioners might be sent to this Town, and that he would add two more to his three to Treat with those five Commissioners about an Agreement; But it much displeased the Lord *Lambert*, so that he was fully resolved to march against him with as much expedition as possible he could, but this day calling a Council of the Officers of his Army, hath a little stayed his March. We are much oppressed in these parts with the continuance of the Arm here, The Lord support us, and carry on all for his Glory, for the Good of the Church and People. General *Monck* is a Resolved General. The Lord stand by them that stand by his Truth and Gospel. One of the Letters sent by General *Monck* to the Lord *Fleetwood* was as followeth, viz. *My Lord*, I have received a Letter from your Lordship, and by the same Pacquet an Agreement, signed by your Lordships hand, together with an intimation, that the same was signed by those Gentlemen that were appointed by the General council of Officers here, to treat with your Lordship. I am exceedingly rejoiced to find in your Lordship, and the Officers with you, a spirit so complying, and so tender of the Publick peace, and shall upon intimation had from my Lord *Lambert*, of what method he useth, in drawing off the Forces which he hath drawn towards us, observe the same here; but because I am desirous that this Agreement of yours may be full and firm, and because I perceive that there are some things remain here untreated of, and unagreed upon, it is the resolution of my self and Officers here, to adde two more to their number, that they may confer with the like number of such as shall be appointed by your Lordship, for the putting a final end to this unhappy business; onely desiring, that it may be as soon as possible; and if your Lordship would permit it to be at *Newcastle*, it would very much expedite the business, of which I suppose your Lordship can be no less desirous than I am, because you cannot but be sensible, that the whole three Nations are in expectation of this issue; till which, all publick business must needs be at a stand, unless it be that of the publick enemy, who cannot but apprehend his own advantages, and will very boldly let them slip. *My Lord*, As in this time of our greatest misunderstandings and misapprehensions, there is nothing of personal relation to your selfe, or any Officer with You; so it will be very easie to return to that mutual confidence and Friendship, which on my part was never lost; and I can as really and heartily as ever, subscribe myself,

Your most humble and faithful servant

GEORGE MONCK.



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